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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/775,477

Filed: February 2, 2001

For: ASYNCHRONOUSLY
RESETTABLE DECODER FOR A
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY

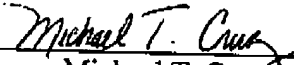
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("the Examiner's Statement") which is set forth in the Notice of Allowability in the above-identified application and accompanies the issue/publication fee transmittal (part B).



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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that, although the Examiner has amended the title of the patent application, such an amendment to the title of the patent application does not limit the claimed inventions therein. The scope of the claimed inventions is determined by the recited elements as set forth in allowed claims 220-223. Furthermore, the scope of the claimed inventions is not limited, in any way, by the Examiner's Statement and, in particular, where the Examiner's Statement strays from the recited elements as set forth in allowed claims 220-223.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "a line decoder for a memory cell comprising: a first input; a second input; an output; and a circuit arranged to isolate the first and second inputs from the output comprising a node switched to a first logic state when the output is switched to a second logic state, a first transistor coupled to the first and second inputs and the node, the first transistor being switched off when the node is switched to the first logic state, thereby isolating the first and second inputs from the output, and a second transistor coupled to the first transistor, the first input and the node, the second transistor coupling the first input to the node when the node is switched to the first logic state" as set forth in independent claim 220.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement might imply that the dependent claims are also allowable for only the reasons set forth in the Examiner's Statement. However, the Examiner's Statement does not discuss any of the other elements of the claimed subject matter, in particular, those additional elements recited in the dependent claims which may render the dependent claims independently allowable in view of the specification, prosecution file history and/or the documents made of record, either alone or in combination.

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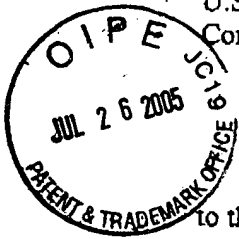


Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement presents only some of the reasons for allowance of the claims, and that other reasons also exist for allowing the claims such as, for example, those set forth more completely in or in view of the record as a whole. This interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, which states that any statement of reasons for allowance "[i]s not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state all the reasons for allowance are set forth." M.P.E.P. § 1302.14.

Finally, Applicants agree with the Examiner that claims 220-223 are allowable in view of all of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination. However, Applicants do not necessarily agree nor disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination. In closing, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, should that need arise in the future.

If the Examiner has questions, or if Applicants can be of assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number.

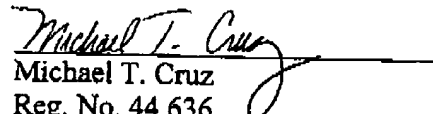
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